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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight decline in United States calendar year exports of domestic merchandise from \$17,728.0 million in 1958 to \$17,383.0 million in 1959 resulted from decreases in annual exports of finished manufactures, crude materials, and manufactured foodstuffs which were largely offset by gains in annual exports of semimanufactures and crude foodstuffs. Changes in the dollar value of exports of these economic classes of commodities from 1958 to 1959 are as follows: finished manufactures, from \$10,930.1 to \$10,486.5 million; crude materials, from \$2,138.8 to \$1,914.4 million; manufactured foodstuffs, from \$1,102.0 to \$1,076.4 million; semimanufactures, from \$2,277.5 to \$2,461.9 million; and crude foodstuffs, from \$1,279.6 to \$1,443.8 million. These totals include data on M.S.P. (military) shipments, valued at \$1,227.1 million in 1959 as compared to \$1,543.0 million in 1958.

With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded, the value of total domestic merchandise exports was approximately the same in 1959 as in 1958. The 1959 total was \$16,155.9 million and the 1958 total was \$16,185.0 million.

December exports of domestic merchandise, valued at \$1,658.8 million, were, the Bureau stated, about 13 percent higher than the November total of \$1,462.4 million and about 10 percent more than the December 1958 total of \$1,503.6 million. These figures include data on M.S.P. (military) shipments. With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded, the December export total was \$1,553.6 million, and exceeded both the

November total of \$1,360.2 million and the December 1958 total of \$1,368.6 million, by about 14 percent.

The increase in domestic merchandise exports from November to December was due primarily to appreciable gains in exports of finished manufactures and semimanufactures. Exports of finished manufactures rose from \$824.7 to \$935.0 million. The bulk of this increase resulted from higher exports of the following individual commodities included in this economic class: aircraft, parts and accessories, from \$61.8 to \$84.5 million; ammunition, components, and parts, from \$10.8 to \$28.2 million; automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from \$35.6 to \$49.3 million; construction, excavating, mining and related machinery, from \$50.0 to \$59.1 million; lubricating oil, from \$11.5 to \$18.1 million; and paper and manufactures, from \$18.2 to \$24.0 million. Exports of semimanufactures rose from \$193.6 to \$260.0 million reflecting in part gains in exports of industrial chemicals, excluding Special Category Type 1, from \$19.4 to \$29.5 million; plastics and resin materials, from \$20.1 to \$26.3 million; coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products, from \$7.3 to \$13.1 million; wood pulp, from \$6.2 to \$11.4 million; and synthetic rubber, from \$14.2 to \$19.2 million. Exports of crude materials rose from \$232.5 to \$245.3 million as noticeable increases occurred in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from \$78.0 to \$89.1 million and unmanufactured tobacco, from \$37.3 to \$43.0 million. However, exports of oil seeds, also included in this economic class, fell from \$51.1 to \$42.4 million. Exports of crude foodstuffs advanced from \$117.1 to \$126.2 million but exports of manufactured foodstuffs decreased slightly from \$94.4 to \$92.3 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in exports.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are

excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at \$100 to \$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals shown in the table. The probable variability in the export figures due to sampling is less than two percent of the individual totals shown, or less than \$50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, and the January and June 1956 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
DECEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with statistics through those for December 1959. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

| Economic class and commodity | December 1959 | November 1959 | December 1958 | Monthly average | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | 1958 | 1957 |
| Total.....value.. | ¹ 1,658.8 | ² 1,462.4 | ³ 1,503.6 | ⁴ 1,477.3 | ⁵ 1,722.6 |
| Crude materials.....value.. | 245.3 | 232.5 | 161.4 | 178.2 | 259.2 |
| Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value.. | 4.4 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.6 |
| Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb.. | 158,718 | 130,715 | 87,557 | 92,427 | 114,861 |
| value.. | 11.0 | 9.3 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 10.0 |
| Oil seeds.....value.. | 42.4 | 51.1 | 24.0 | 18.0 | 20.5 |
| Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb.. | 57,518 | 49,748 | 48,889 | 40,191 | 41,746 |
| value.. | 43.0 | 37.3 | 36.6 | 29.5 | 29.9 |
| Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales.. | 777 | 677 | 317 | 398 | 602 |
| value.. | 89.1 | 78.0 | 39.9 | 55.1 | 88.3 |
| Coal.....1,000 s.tons.. | 3,011 | 2,694 | 3,112 | 4,381 | 6,731 |
| value.. | 29.1 | 26.2 | 31.0 | 43.8 | 69.1 |
| Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl.. | 258 | 132 | 73 | 362 | 4,187 |
| value.. | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 14.4 |
| All other crude materials.....value.. | 25.8 | 23.2 | 18.2 | 17.9 | 21.4 |
| Crude foodstuffs.....value.. | 126.2 | 117.1 | 122.7 | 106.6 | 111.0 |
| Corn.....1,000 bu.. | 25,920 | 23,340 | 19,188 | 14,986 | 14,833 |
| value.. | 32.7 | 29.4 | 24.5 | 19.7 | 20.9 |
| Wheat.....1,000 bu.. | 26,940 | 21,818 | 28,304 | 27,520 | 34,664 |
| value.. | 44.9 | 36.6 | 47.6 | 47.5 | 61.2 |
| Other grains.....value.. | 24.0 | 23.8 | 28.8 | 19.9 | 9.0 |
| Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb.. | 124,781 | 138,889 | 126,118 | 118,444 | 117,439 |
| value.. | 7.5 | 8.5 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 5.7 |
| Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb.. | 120,007 | 115,148 | 98,658 | 110,949 | 133,813 |
| value.. | 9.5 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 9.1 |
| Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value.. | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | (**) |
| All other crude foodstuffs.....value.. | 7.2 | 9.7 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 5.1 |
| Manufactured foodstuffs.....value.. | 92.3 | 94.4 | 90.9 | 91.8 | 96.9 |
| Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb.. | 31,316 | 37,958 | 23,271 | 19,702 | 28,757 |
| value.. | 9.0 | 10.9 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 9.2 |
| Lard.....1,000 lb.. | 36,585 | 70,722 | 26,129 | 32,404 | 41,781 |
| value.. | 3.5 | 6.5 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 6.2 |
| Dairy products.....1,000 lb.. | 21,924 | 39,575 | 59,624 | 40,495 | 46,895 |
| value.. | 6.9 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 8.4 | 10.0 |
| Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb.. | 5,450 | 9,556 | 4,448 | 3,437 | 5,807 |
| value.. | 1.5 | 4.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb.. | 94 | 108 | 54 | 103 | 133 |
| value.. | 5.9 | 7.6 | 4.6 | 8.0 | 10.1 |
| Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt.. | 3,721 | 1,931 | 2,302 | 2,259 | 2,207 |
| value.. | 13.2 | 7.5 | 8.9 | 9.6 | 9.4 |
| Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value.. | 3.7 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb.. | 15,390 | 27,946 | 14,876 | 16,305 | 17,198 |
| value.. | 3.3 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| Canned fruits.....1,000 lb.. | 15,311 | 23,218 | 18,133 | 30,514 | 26,313 |
| value.. | 2.3 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 4.7 | 3.9 |
| Fruit juices, canned and frozen.....1,000 gal.. | 1,984 | 2,435 | 2,053 | 3,024 | 3,134 |
| value.. | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 3.3 |
| Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb.. | 33,026 | 27,751 | 77,467 | 66,807 | 42,901 |
| value.. | 4.7 | 3.8 | 11.2 | 10.6 | 7.2 |
| Sugar and related products.....value.. | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value.. | 8.4 | 6.6 | 15.0 | 12.6 | (**) |
| All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value.. | 25.4 | 19.5 | 14.6 | 12.3 | 27.0 |
| Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value.. | 260.0 | 193.6 | 191.9 | 189.8 | 270.2 |
| Leather.....value.. | 3.0 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb.. | 73,002 | 54,727 | 38,477 | 36,716 | 38,335 |
| value.. | 19.2 | 14.2 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 10.2 |

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
DECEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

| Economic class and commodity | December 1959 | November 1959 | December 1958 | Monthly average | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | | | 1958 | 1957 |
| Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶ —Continued | | | | | |
| Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value.. | 4.7 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.5 |
| Vegetable oils and fats.....1,000 lb.. | 52,288 | 87,415 | 28,560 | 28,801 | 69,707 |
| value.. | 5.3 | 8.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 9.8 |
| Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb.. | 33,607 | 33,468 | 24,467 | 24,573 | 27,406 |
| value.. | 4.7 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 5.0 |
| Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb.. | 11,281 | 12,230 | 11,293 | 9,392 | 13,327 |
| value.. | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb.. | 19,676 | 15,327 | 10,982 | 9,105 | 8,956 |
| value.. | 16.7 | 11.1 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 6.6 |
| Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft.. | 76,662 | 68,081 | 56,670 | 60,626 | 68,903 |
| value.. | 8.9 | 8.0 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 7.4 |
| Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons.. | 81 | 45 | 40 | 43 | 52 |
| value.. | 11.4 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 8.0 |
| Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl.. | 2,125 | 1,665 | 2,405 | 3,325 | 6,496 |
| value.. | 6.2 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 9.8 | 23.2 |
| Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons.. | 161 | 141 | 113 | 131 | 132 |
| value.. | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 |
| Steel mill products, semifinished.....value.. | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 6.7 |
| Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb.. | 11,267 | 7,336 | 19,905 | 20,516 | 35,772 |
| value.. | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 3.1 |
| Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb.. | 74,438 | 48,105 | 135,563 | 157,053 | 276,051 |
| value.. | 9.8 | 6.0 | 14.3 | 15.0 | 25.6 |
| Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb.. | 83,251 | 40,841 | 88,546 | 82,386 | 133,750 |
| value.. | 6.7 | 3.3 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 12.2 |
| Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value.. | 24.4 | 18.9 | 6.8 | 10.3 | 34.2 |
| Aluminum semimanufactures.....value.. | 13.3 | 10.8 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.1 |
| Copper semimanufactures.....value.. | 4.9 | 2.5 | 27.1 | 16.9 | 20.2 |
| Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value.. | 13.1 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 7.6 |
| Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb.. | 70,692 | 53,315 | 52,718 | 46,971 | 41,112 |
| value.. | 26.3 | 20.1 | 19.3 | 17.4 | 15.6 |
| Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value.. | 29.5 | 19.4 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 18.4 |
| Pigments.....1,000 lb.. | 65,098 | 49,618 | 56,410 | 52,048 | 56,000 |
| value.. | 6.8 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.9 |
| Nitrogenous fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb.. | 138,356 | 125,023 | 130,540 | 105,897 | 179,727 |
| value.. | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 4.0 |
| All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 ⁶value.. | 733.3 | 725.2 | 722.6 | 725.3 | 732.1 |
| Finished manufactures.....value.. | 935.0 | 824.7 | 936.6 | 910.8 | 985.3 |
| Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands.. | 108 | 97 | 113 | 102 | ⁸ 146 |
| value.. | 3.4 | 3.8 | 6.6 | 4.7 | ⁸ 5.3 |
| Other rubber manufactures.....value.. | 9.0 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 8.7 |
| Cigarettes.....millions.. | 1,663 | 1,567 | 1,297 | 1,506 | 1,416 |
| value.. | 7.2 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 5.6 |
| Other tobacco manufactures.....value.. | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq.yd.. | ⁹ 44,436 | ⁹ 37,167 | ⁹ 37,952 | ⁹ 39,080 | 45,652 |
| value.. | ⁹ 13.7 | ⁹ 11.0 | ⁹ 10.4 | ⁹ 11.3 | 12.3 |
| Other cotton manufactures.....value.. | 8.6 | 9.1 | 6.7 | 8.1 | 8.7 |
| Wool manufactures.....value.. | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value.. | 14.4 | 14.1 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 14.5 |
| Other textile manufactures.....value.. | 6.1 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| Wood manufactures, advanced.....value.. | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Paper and manufactures.....value.. | 24.0 | 18.2 | 19.4 | 18.3 | 18.4 |
| Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value.. | 8.3 | 6.4 | 11.1 | 11.0 | 16.1 |
| Lubricating oil.....value.. | 18.1 | 11.5 | 13.5 | 15.5 | 16.2 |
| Glass and products.....value.. | 7.0 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| Steel mill manufactures.....value.. | 8.7 | 5.3 | 14.1 | 19.9 | 32.0 |
| Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value.. | 35.2 | 35.7 | 40.5 | 40.0 | 43.1 |
| Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number.. | 31,010 | 21,843 | 27,301 | 32,383 | 31,716 |
| value.. | 5.0 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| Radio and television apparatus.....value.. | 21.9 | 21.4 | 25.3 | 23.3 | 20.9 |
| Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value.. | 57.1 | 54.4 | 67.0 | 56.8 | 59.9 |
| Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value.. | 22.1 | 20.0 | 15.7 | 19.2 | 19.7 |
| Construction, excavating, mining and related machinery.....value.. | 59.1 | 50.0 | 51.5 | 58.1 | 74.5 |
| Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value.. | 12.0 | 11.7 | 15.3 | 14.5 | 26.2 |
| Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value.. | 15.3 | 11.1 | 20.4 | 13.8 | |
| Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value.. | 14.7 | 9.8 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 10.4 |
| Other industrial machinery and parts.....value.. | 78.6 | 70.9 | 66.4 | 75.6 | 77.8 |

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DECEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

| Economic class and commodity | December 1959 | November 1959 | December 1958 | Monthly average | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | | | 1958 | 1957 |
| Finished manufactures—Continued | | | | | |
| Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value.. | 16.9 | 11.9 | 13.6 | 11.1 | ¹⁰ 10.6 |
| Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value.. | 8.8 | 8.9 | 8.3 | 10.3 | 11.1 |
| Tractors.....number.. | 4,698 | 3,321 | 2,620 | 4,183 | 4,392 |
| Tractor parts and accessories.....value.. | 14.4 | 11.2 | 10.9 | 15.8 | 20.7 |
| Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number.. | 11.6 | 12.6 | 6.9 | 10.1 | 11.0 |
| Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....value.. | 9,507 | 15,175 | 20,477 | 12,322 | 16,040 |
| Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value.. | 21.3 | 29.8 | 31.2 | 24.7 | 36.2 |
| Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value.. | 7,481 | 9,932 | 15,241 | 10,203 | 11,923 |
| Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value.. | 15.9 | 20.5 | 32.8 | 21.6 | 25.1 |
| Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number.. | 49.3 | 35.6 | 43.6 | 39.3 | 42.0 |
| Railway transportation equipment.....value.. | 8.2 | 10.6 | 18.0 | 18.1 | 14.3 |
| Antibiotics.....value.. | 84.5 | 61.8 | 59.6 | 81.0 | 85.7 |
| Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value.. | 5 | 3 | 12 | 11 | 28 |
| Soap and toilet preparations.....value.. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 13.5 | 6.3 | 8.1 |
| Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value.. | 10.2 | 14.4 | 26.9 | 17.4 | 12.1 |
| Ammunition, components and parts.....value.. | 5.8 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.9 |
| Special Category Type 1 ⁶value.. | 19.4 | 16.7 | 18.1 | 17.7 | 16.8 |
| All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value.. | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| | 4.4 | 2.3 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 3.1 |
| | 28.2 | 10.8 | 16.0 | 15.6 | 17.5 |
| | 38.5 | 47.1 | 69.2 | 42.2 | 37.9 |
| | 141.3 | 122.8 | 118.7 | 121.1 | 133.2 |

**Data for periods prior to January 1958 not available. ¹Includes \$105.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$63.0 million to Western Europe). ²Includes \$102.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$69.9 million to Western Europe). ³Includes \$135.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$57.5 million to Western Europe). ⁴Includes \$128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$58.6 million to Western Europe). ⁵Includes \$113.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$59.4 million to Western Europe). ⁶See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. ⁷For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. ⁸Data for periods prior to January 1958 also include new and used motorcycle tires and used truck, bus, and automobile tires. ⁹Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. ¹⁰Data for periods prior to January 1958 do not include exports of electronic computers and parts.